

BACK TO ACTON Days formal opening ceremonies took place atop a wagon at the Mill and Main corner Saturday at noon. Louis Charlebois, dapper in frock coat and top hat, was master of ceremonies. Pictured with him during the opening are councillor Les Duby, councillor Peter Marks ("It's better in Acton"), parade coordinator Terry Grubbe (seated), Business Improvement Area chairman Henry Stachyra and behind him, Business Association chairman Ed Wood. All the others on the platform were welcome, but uninvited guests.



CROWDS FILLED Mill St. from side to side for the opening of Back to Acton Days. Three separate calithumpian parades had drawn several hundred residents, many in costume, to the spot. This photograph was taken atop the hay wagon

during the speeches and costume judging. Crowds surged throughout the mall all day Friday and Saturday, with outdoor booths and eating places, concerts, contests and

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CANADA DAY. . . even Gregory Cox waved a flag! The one and a half year old of R. R. 2, Acton, enjoyed the festivities at Ballinafad on Saturday.

Back to Acton Days prove huge success

'Super!" is the only word needed to describe this years Back to Acton Days celebration, according to organizer Ed Wood.

"The whole weekend was unreal. We didn't expect all those people to show up . . . it was fantastic" said Mr. Wood with both a sigh of relief and renewed excitement.

Mr. Wood felt shopping was good downtown on Friday but the number of people taking part in Saturday's event was unbelieveable. He felt the parade helped to bring many of the people downtown and to build the involvement spirit.

Mr. Wood said the police they will begin planning next deserved special mention and year's Back to Acton Days. cooperated with organizers.

There was no set committee calithumpian parades were an with an executive for innovation which found hearty organizing the days, said Mr. approval. With music and a Woods. "Everyone who took marshal arranged for each part in the activities, all the section, organizer Terry everyone was a part."

Donations to the town hall fund were left up to individual groups and merchants, but they have not been tallied yet. Two per cent of sales was

Mr. Wood felt this year's trip over later to visit them. celebration was better then even bigger and better.

« Now that all the excitement after the parade and intro- trees. is over, organizers can slt duced as "people who care Damage to the vehicle is

Business Association president Ed Wood.

was also the last mayor of was first for Individual Acton, said how impressed he costume. They won free adwas by the crowd. He mission to the fireworks. remarked on the community spirit in spite of changes in parade marshals, Doris government. It's Canada Day and it's also Acton Day. We can get together and have a

president Henry Stachyra,

Chamber of Commerce pres-

Toronto men hurt in crash

groups, service clubs, mer- Grubbe was delighted at the taken to Georgetown and chants, arts and crafts people, number of people who joined District Memorial Hospital after a single car traffic Only problem was the accident on Mill Street West changing of the Main N. at the First Line June 24.

parade, to avoid traffic. This driver. John caused them to miss the Ladouceur, and passenger residents of Jeneatte's who Stan Sheppard, of Toronto, suggested, the same as last were outside on the sidewalk. suffered major injuries in the Some paraders made a special crash.

The vehicle they were in Councillors Les Duby and went through a ditch, struck a last year and next year will be Peter Marks were called to fence post and a rock face the platform at Mill and Main then went through a clump of

back and take it easy for at about our little town." Also about \$4,000, according to least two weeks which is when welcomed with applause were Halton Regional Police.

Business Improvement Area real good time, he declared. He urged anyone with a problem to ask one of the ident Jack Kuiken and councillors.

The Bill Johnson family won first prize for best-dressed Councillor Les Duby, who family and Rebecca Bates

Judges were the three Browne, Pop Main and Fred Wright.

Other excellent costumes included a group of Indians, the Charlebois family in oldfashioned garb, and the Saxon family as clowns. Many came in costume for the parade and

Michael Butler, one of the Beavers who led the parades, drew the winning ticket for Ted Tyler's trip to West Virginia. Winner is A. Pludums, R.R. 1, Acton.

The Music stop provided the p.a. for the official opening.

main streets for the special

the calithumpian parade, and Sunday night atop the pretty think (regional) council bandshell at the park en- would not be very likely to trance. They also marched in take a step that would be conthe Rockwood parade in the strued as interfering with the

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Three graduates win Ontario scholarships

Acton high school have been given Ontario scholarships. Students must achieve 80 percent or better in grade 13. and Jocelyn Lamberink.

been accepted at Nipissing Wellwood. University in North Bay where she was awarded a scholarship achievement. Laurie will be moving north Diane at attend university in the Baker,

has enrolled in the military college. David had an overall Steve grade 13 average of 80.4.

the Ontario Scholarship list Collett, Nancy Collett, Sheila with an average of 80 percent. Cook, Marityn De Bruyn, Jocelyn will be a student at Gord Degen, Jack De Wilde, the University of Guelph in Norah Doherty, Sandra

Kathy Barber, Tania Basic. Ray Green. David Berry, Noel Blake, Susan Gunther,

Nicki Field, Eunice Gibb, Kroezen, Victor Kurpieweit, Peter Gillespie, Robert Kilby, June Ontario scholars are McEachern, Mike McGregor. Livermore, Jocelyn Mac-Laurie Pierce, David Berry Barry McKerracher, Kolin millan, Scott Malcolm, Peter Laurie heads the list with Schubert, Martin Trueman, Cynthia McGilloway, Sharon an average of 87.8. She has Rick Van Fleet and Deb McGregor, Gary Medland,

Acton high school are: for Charles Ancker. Deborah Andres, Christine Arbic, Baginski, Zonya Gary Kathryn Beaton, David Berry has left Acton Brigden, Ross Brown, Wendy for British Clumbia where he Brown, Gord Bruce, Paul Brunelle, Jennifer Buscher, Campbell, Sam Chaarani, Susy Chaaranl, Jocelyn Lamberink mude Kathleen Cheyne, Leslie Dubuc, Janice Ellerby, Grade 13 graduates are: Jeff Gardiner, Tony Geng. Fred Allen, Ford Alton. Eunice Gibb, Patti Gordon.

Three graduates from Cliff Britton, Brad Buchanan, Harding, Karen Hinkley, Don Coats, Leslie Collett, Deborah James, Henry John Laitar, Mari Anne Jocelyn Lamberink, Heather Laitar, Russell Lee, Kim Muir, Laurie Pierce, Steve Marquardt, Karen McDowell, Grade 12 graduates from Mokrytzki, David Morris, Michael Morris, Lisa Near, Debra Neely, Nesset, Karen Paton, David Pendergast, Judy Pink, Dan Porty, Michelina Pupo, Linea Ramsey, Beth Reynolds, Mike Rippon.

> Judy Schreiber, Nancy Lynda Shadbolt, Rhonda Speaker, Carole Staley, Dave Stanley, Ian Thomson, Tammy Timbers, Kathy Toth, Julie Townsley, Barb Turkosz, Tracey Tyler, Karen Van der Eyken, John Dan Webster, Shelley Wilson, Simon Wilson, Terry Winters, Heidi Zeissig, Peter Zions.

Morrow says

Region apt to be aloof on police morale issue

police department will likely Flags were flying down the have little meddling from regional councillors about beefs in the police associa-Acton Citizens' Band played tion's morale, Halton Region on the streets Friday night, in chairman Ric Morrow says.

Morrow said Monday: "I (police) commission."

Halton Regional Police Association (HRPA) dropped the bombshell report on an unsuspecting police commission. Halton Regional Police Commission thought it would have time, to examine the 61page report in private, but the association surprised commissioners by releasing the report to the press at the same time.

Region Chairman Morrow

was responding to the suggestion that council may, under The Police Act, call upon the Ontario Police Com-(OPC), which mission governs all police in the province, for an investigation.

The OPC can investigate any policeman, the administration of any police force, the system of policing a municipality and the police needs of any municipality, under

If a council calls in the OPC it may have to pay the cost of the investigation under the

Morrow said he has read most of the report and that he would like to get copies for regional councillors. Then he would like the members to ask those councillors who sit on the Halton Police commis-

sion questions. Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett and Burlington Councillor David Coons wear commission hats at regional

The report should be treated in a serious vein, said

"It would behoove members of the police comprission not to overreact and took at the facts to see what can and should be done," said the

HRPA president At Ruelens, however, is pinning some of his hopes for the report on the regional coun-

chairman.

I think these people who are elected, if they have any interest in the community, should take that mandate and use it, Ruclens said. The police association

chairman noted there are municipal elections this fall. The HRPA's report zeroes in on the causes of low morale of the police force, and recommends 40 ways of boosting the force's spirits. Much of the document deals (Continued on Page 2)

seen as far away as Malton. Fire officials believe children may have started the fire. The fire interrupted the opening afternoon of the Back-to-Acton Days.

Canadian Tire stock lost in warehouse fire

A blaze requiring two fire trucks from Acton and one from Georgetown kept some volunteer firefighters on the scene for as long as six hours Friday afternoon.

teer fire department received a call about a fire at the Canadian Tire warehouse on Eastern Avenue beside Frank to the warehouse was not the Heller and Company. Arriving at the scene moments later approx-

imately 20 firefighters went

to work on the warehouse

At 12:55 the Acton volun-

which contained Canadian Tire stock, mainly tires. Deputy fire chief Bob Hyde short circuit in the C.N.R. explained that Hellers and the warehouse are two independent buildings which were once connected by a walkway. There is now a wall

which separates the two. Hyde said firemen had to work hard to prevent the fire from spreading to the Hellers "Both chemicals used by the company and the age of the building would have caused a lot of problems had the fire

spread." Mr. Hyde explained that fire brands were carried in the wind and landed in the eavestrough of York House, now owned by the McGrath's, across from Hellers. Fire-

fighters did not have to go to the home and no damage was done to the McGrath house. Mr. Hyde commended the Acton firefighters who had to make use of a six inch water

hydrant before the pumper

from Georgetown arrived to connect to a 12-inch main. Keeping the fire contained only problem the firefighters had to deal with. Wires catching fire caused the breakers to short circuit and power cuts for up to three hours resulted in the fire area. The fire also caused a

signals at the train tracks. hours until they were repaired by the C.N.R. signals branch from

One of the biggest problems C.N. for the firefighters was the spectators who attended the fire. Children and adults were moving in the way of the firefighters. "People are always In the way at a fire . . . fires are interesting to watch but they can be dangerous," said

Deputy fire chief Hyde. Mr. Hyde said when he entered Hellers the only

Learns Tuesday he won trip

A. Pludums, the winner of the trip to West Virginia that was sponsored by Tyler Travel as part of Back to Acton Days, contacted Tuesday by the Free Press, was very surprised to find out he had won. He did not know if he would be able to take advantage of the trip, saying it would depend on whether or not he, "could get the

Tylers had been unable to get in touch with him

to tell him the news.

person around was a janitor. The signals were operating Hellers closes on Friday constantly for quite a few afternoon and so the problem of evacuating was solved. The shed used to be a C.N.R. freight shed but is now rented to Canadian Tire by

Saturday morning's three

in along the route.

Some of the spectators took on the job of traffic control and helped to keep the crowds away from under burning

Late Friday afternoon a town grade-all was brought in to rip up the old wood flooring of the shed. The fire continued to burn under the flooring and it was too dangerous to send a man under. The grader was able to rip up the floor so all flames and hot ashes could be extinguished.

Deputy Chief estimates the damage at \$138,000 and suspects the cause to be children playing with matches or smoking. He does not feel it was lit intentionally. The black billowing smoke

rose high above Acton and has reported to have been seen as far away as, Malton. Saturday morning some of the firefighters returned to the scene to put out a burning beam left smoldering in the

wreckage.



.... ACTON AND GEORGETOWN Firefighters pour on the water to the fire which gutted the Canadian Tire warehouse on Eastern Avenue last week. Smoke from the blaze was reported